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**From:** Beck, Nancy [Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]  
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**To:** Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]  
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Here is what The NYT Style book says on use of "Dr." Can you let me know what you think it should be for second reference. It depends on part on your preference.

Thanks

Eric

Dr. should be used in all references for physicians, dentists and veterinarians whose practice is their primary current occupation, or who work in a closely related field, like medical writing, research or pharmaceutical manufacturing: *Dr. Alex E. Baranek; Dr. Baranek; the doctor.* (Those who practice only incidentally, or not at all, should be called Mr., Ms., Miss or Mrs.)

Anyone else with an earned doctorate, like a Ph.D. degree, may get the title, but only if it is germane to the holder's primary current occupation (academic, for example, or laboratory research). Reporters should confirm the degree holder's preference. For a Ph.D., the title should appear only in second and later references.

Do not use the title for someone whose doctorate is honorary

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